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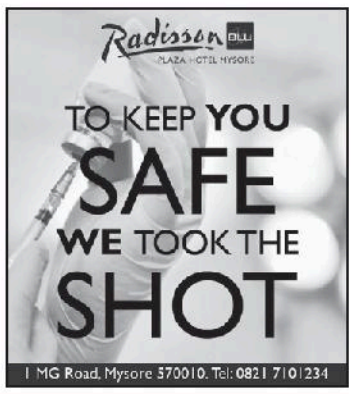

Lockdown Relaxed

Mysuru moved to Category II — District with Case Positivity Rate between 5 and 10 %

- Essential purchase allowed on all days till 2 pm
- KSRTC to operate with 50% capacity from June 28

A pushcart vendor waiting for customers at Nanjumalige in city this morning.

Restrictions till July 5, 2021

- Daily night curfew from 7 pm to 5 am
- Weekend curfew from Friday 7 pm till 5 am on Monday
- Hotel parcel service allowed 24x7
- Standalone liquor shops and outlets, take away only, allowed from 6 am to 2 pm
- Shops dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, meat and fish, dairy and milk booths open from 6 am to 2 pm
- All production units, establishments, industries permitted to function with 50 percent staff
- KSRTC to operate with 50 percent capacity
- Street vendors open from 6 am to 2 pm
- Pani-puri shops, pushcart snacks allowed till 2 pm
- Public Distribution System shops allowed from 6 am to 2 pm
- Parks open from 5 am to 10 am for walking
- Taxis and autorickshaws can carry maximum of 2 passengers
- Optical shops permitted to function from 6 am to 2 pm
- All construction activities allowed
- Cement, iron, hardware shops open till 2 pm
- 40 person limit for marriages; 5 for funerals

Mysuru, June 26 (MTY, RK & BCT)- Mysuru, which for long was a Category III district with the Case Positivity Rate (CPR) of more than 10 percent, has now been moved to Category II and the State Government has eased certain restrictions. The new restrictions will be applicable till 5 am on July 5.

Till last evening, Mysuru was included in Category III, which consists of districts with a positivity rate of more than 10 percent. Such districts had no relaxation in lockdown curbs, but now based on the weekly average positivity rate, Mysuru has a positivity rate between 5 and10 percent and so had been moved into Category II.

On Wednesday, June 23, Mysuru had a CPR of 8.4 percent while the overall CPR in Karnataka stood at 2.59 percent.

Addressing reporters at his office last evening soon after the Category II classification, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham said that the CPR of June 25 in Mysuru was at 6 percent and on Thursday (June 24), the CPR stood at 6.8 percent.

Amidst the growing clamour for fully unlocking Mysuru, the declining CPR is good news and the District authorities are hoping to see Mysuru in Category I in a week or two if the CPR comes below 5 percent and that depends entirely on people to observe restraint, officials said.

Shops can remain open till 2 pm upto July 5

As Mysuru was declared Category II district last evening, the District Administration clamped curfew till 5 am this morning and the weekend curfew kicked in this morning which will continue till 5 am on Monday.

Though it was initially rumoured that essential services would be allowed in Mysuru only from 6 am to 10 am as per the earlier order, the City Police clarified today that essential purchase will be allowed till 2 pm with immediate effect.

(See LOCKDOWN on page 5)

Aadhaar to be mandatory for booking train tickets online

New Delhi, June 26 (Agencies)- In an attempt to fend off touts and illegal ticket booking agents who use software to make bulk or block reservations, Indian Railways is working to make passport and Aadhaar card details mandatory at the time of online booking through the Indian Railway Catering Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) website.

Instead of simply logging in with a username and password, either of these Government documents which are valid identity documents will be compulsory before a person logs into the website. Currently, the linking of Aadhaar and PAN to the IRCTC account is optional.

The touts usually use software that expedites the booking of rail tickets. Sources say such software, at times, can book 10-15 tickets in a minute, while for a regular user, this process takes much longer. The tickets, grabbed in bulk by touts, by giving false names of passengers are then sold at premium rates.

Officials from the Delhi headquarters for Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS) are rectifying loopholes in the IRCTC website. Other suggestions that have been made by Railway officials and have been sent to the Railway Board include verification of the user ID through mobile number. This will then be verified by mobile companies. Inspection of the IP address while buying tickets was another suggestion.

"Study on allowing booking of only two tickets on one IP address is also being done. This would help in preventing touts who book multiple tickets at the same time. However, companies wishing to book more than two tickets for their staff will have to register with either IRCTC or CRIS," said a CRIS official.

According to a Railway official, the tout had sold the illegal software to nearly 5,000 agents across India. "The accused has knowledge about the working of IRCTC website as he had been operating his business for six years," said a Railway official.

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 26th June 2021

City student selected for Intl. Apprenticeship Programme

Mysuru, June 26- J.B. Ashwin, a Class 12 student of Excel Public School, Mysuru, has been selected to be a part of 'CBSE - Intel AI for Youth Virtual Apprenticeship Programme' commencing from June 28 to July 2, 2021. This programme is a flagship initiative of the CBSE and Intel with support from the National Youth Council, Singapore and Institute of Technical Education, Singapore.

J.B. Ashwin

CBSE - Intel AI for Youth Virtual Apprenticeship Programme is part of Intel's comprehensive Digital Readiness programme portfolio aiming at accrediting the youth to use AI and create meaningful social impact solutions in their communities as evidence of achievement.

The programme is currently accessible in various countries in partnership with Governments and institutions. 'CBSE - Intel AI for Youth Virtual Apprentice Programme' is in line with National Education Policy-2020 and a significant step towards empowering the youth to become digitally endowed to solve persistent local and global challenges.

With valuable insights from industry experts and tech experts, Ashwin will work collaboratively with youths from Singapore and create distinctive social impact solutions, according to a press release from K.G. Mathew, Principal, Excel Public School.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

With detected COVID cases touching 3 crore, it is entirely possible that many lakh citizens needed hospitalisation over the last year. Last month, the General Insurance Council revealed that insurers had received over 15 lakh claims. But this could just be a fraction of total claims that come in. And lakhs more would have availed treatment without the benefit of insurance.

Even the insured middle class have had to dip into their pockets with insurers disallowing claims for many aspects of COVID treatment in private hospitals like consumables (masks, gloves, PPEs etc) and various operating expenses. Even pre-COVID, out of pocket expenditure (OOP) on healthcare trumped Government spending 2:1. Not just most developed countries but even some emerging economies like Brazil, Cuba, South Africa and Turkey have much lower OOP than India. Clearly, India needs to improve both public health and insurance coverage. While Centre has rejected a PIL seeking Rs. 4 lakh compensation for the COVID dead, Governments must make an effort to figure out COVID hospitalisation-related indebtedness and make special payments for most deserving cases. And if this crisis doesn't spur greater public health expenditure, we truly wonder what will. — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Yemen's mysterious well of hell

Hadhramaut: In the eastern Yemen lies a fascinating natural wonder called the Well of Barhout. Shrouded in mystery and folklore, this large hole in the groundis said to be the most hated spot on Earth to God.

Located in the eponymous valley, Barhout Well is 30 meters wide and thought to be anywhere between 100 and 250 meters deep. The depth is just pure estimation, as no one has been down to the bottom of it and considering the chilling legends and stories surrounding it, no one is likely to attempt it. Not even Yemeni scientists and explorers have been able to reach the bottom, as the low oxygen and strange odors emanating from the well forced them back to the surface.

Those who live near the hole, named the Well of Barhout, believe anything that comes close to the "Hell Pit" will be sucked in without escape. The hole looms large in the public's imagination. According to Yemeni legend, "extinct tongues fizz on cold nights" there, a reference to what might be lurking inside the hole.

Man builds replica of Beijing's Forbidden City

Beijing: A LEGO enthusiast man recently unveiled his most impressive project yet – a scale model of the Forbidden City in Beijing made out of 700,000 LEGO bricks.

The 4-mts-long by 2.4-mts-wide model was created by a LEGO fan named Li Zhining, which took him over a year. It features all the elements of the world-famous palace complex, including the iconic Meridian Gate, the over 70 palaces and 9,000 houses of the three main halls of the Forbidden City, the moat and all the turrets. Even more impressive is the fact that the LEGO artist didn't use any custom made bricks, instead relying only on his huge collection of standard pieces.

HEALTH CAPSULE

COVID-19 vaccinations are not approved in children yet. While they suffer less in COVID, they can be super-spreaders of infection. Late onset of reaction (inflammation) to COVID infection are seen in small percentage of children which can be dangerous.

By Dr. Bhuvaneshwar U.S. - Consultant Paediatrician

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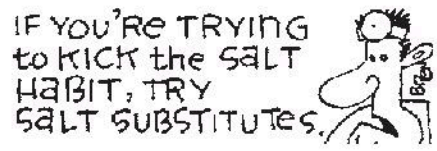

To lower your salt intake, avoid processed foods and fast foods. About 75% of salt intake comes from processed foods. Buy unsalted butter. Break the habit of salting the food on your plate. Add garlic, ginger, vinegar, onions, bay leaves, oregano or cumin to compensate for the salt taste.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JUNE 24	JUNE 25
Day's Positive Cases	404	367
Total Positive Cases	1,64,018	1,64,385
Day's Discharges	1,290	832
Total Discharges	1,56,675	1,57,507
Day's Deaths	22	22
Total Deaths	2,086	2,108
Total Active Cases	5,257	4,770

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Financial assistance for labourers of unorganised sector

Mysuru, June 26 - In the wake of COVID crisis, the Labour Department has invited applications from labourers of unorganised sector including washermen, hairdressers, construction workers, tailors, mechanics, rag-pickers, loading-unloading workers, goldsmiths, potters and blacksmiths to provide relief package of Rs. 2,000, as announced earlier by the State Government.

BPL families of all 11 categories of workers with Aadhaar card linked to their bank accounts, in the age group of 18 to 65 years, are eligible to get this one-time compensation. Applicants can submit the applications online *(https://sevasindhu.karnataka.gov.in/)* before July 31. For details, contact Helpline: 15521 or Seva Sindu, Mob: 80883-04855, 63617-99796, 93802-04364 or 93802-06704.

REALLY...?

- *The word "carpet" itself comes from the Latin word "carpere" which means "to pluck." This can be supported by the fact that the earliest forms of carpet were made from unraveled or "plucked" fabrics.*
- *While some carpets are made from recycled plastic, others are created with knotted wool. This wool can sometimes be home to beetle grubs that have chemicals in their stomachs that convert wool in sugars, causing the insect to eat through carpets and rugs like delicious candy.*
- *Bacteria can live longer than four weeks in carpets (and other flooring surfaces) and can transfer those germs to any food as soon as it touches — making the "five second rule" a complete myth (much to my dismay)!*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A mom texts, "Hi! Son, what does IDK, LY & TTYL mean?" Son texts back, "I Don't Know, Love You & Talk To You Later." Mom texts him, "It's ok, don't worry about it. I'll ask your sister, love you too!!"

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.18
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 102.98
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.20
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.54

VOICE OF THE READER

Strictly penalise traffic violators

Sir,

Apropos the news item ***"Poor response to Voluntary Checking Points"*** *(Star of Mysore* dated June 23), we should understand that most of the traffic violations are done deliberately. And it is noticed that most of these violators are habituated to break multiple traffic rules.

When the violations are done deliberately, how can the Police Department presume that all these traffic rule violators will voluntarily come forward to clear their dues ? Probably those who cleared the dues in the kiosks must be the violators who would have inadvertently violated the traffic rules.

Only strict enforcement of penal clauses against the violators can curtail traffic violations and have the desired results.

A soft approach towards these violators will not yield any positive results in curbing the rampant traffic rule violations.

—K. Chandrahas
on e-mail

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Mysuru-Ch'nagar passenger train service resumes

A view of the City Railway Station this noon.

Mysuru, June 26 (RK&DM)- The passenger train service between Mysuru and Chamarajanagar, which was suspended following the enforcement of COVID lockdown a couple of months ago, has resumed.

On Friday, the first day of the resumption, just about 45 passengers travelled from Mysuru to Chamarajanagar in the train that left the city at 12.30 pm. The train on its return journey, will return to Mysuru at 6.40 pm. The passengers can buy their tickets at the Counter.

From today (June 26), another train has started operating to Chamarajanagar. This train leaves the City Railway Station at 7.20 am every day and returns to Mysuru at 4.45 pm. However, passengers who wish to travel by this train, have to book their tickets online or reserve their ticket at the Railway Reservation Counter.

Rtn. H.R. Keshav elected as
District Governor of RI District 3181

Mysuru, June 26- Rtn. H.R. Keshav of Rotary Club of Mysore Brindavan has been elected as District Governor of Rotary International (RI) District 3181 for the year 2023-24. He will take charge on July 1, 2023.

Rtn. Keshav

As a Rotarian since 2002-03, he has served the Club as its Treasurer, Secretary, President and Chairman of Rotary Mysore Brindavan School. He has coordinated 'Lab-on-Wheels' along with Mysuru Zilla Panchayat and CSR partner for Rs. 70 lakh worth 'Laboratory-on-Wheels' during the COVID pandemic.

He conceptualised and implemented Rotary - Public TV 'Jnanadeevige' Project of RI District 3181 so far for Government Schools Pan Karnataka; Implemented "Project Sahakaritha" between Rotary - Cognizant for distribution of 1,200 computers to Government First Grade Colleges. He was also District Chairman for 'Nammahalli' village adoption and District Literacy Chairman (DLCC), 2020-21.

A Diploma holder in Mechanical Engineering, an industrialist and entrepreneur, Rtn. Keshav is associated with Hebbal Industries Manufacturers Association, is a Member of Mysore Chamber of Commerce of Industry, Member of FKCCI, Member of Mysore ACT (Alert Citizen Team).

An avid trekker, he has done many Himalayan treks including 'Biking in Ladakh'.

Son of late H.K. Ramakrishnaiya and late Leela, he was born in Mysuru on March 19, 1969. A resident of Vijayanagar Railway Layout in city, he is married to Ann. K.S. Saraswathi (Software Engineer, L&T Infotech) and the couple is blessed with a son, Sanath Keshav, who is pursuing his Ph.D in Stuttgart, Germany.

Schools reopening:
Final decision on Monday

Bengaluru, June 26 (UNI)- After the Technical Committee of COVID-19 submitted its report on schools reopening to the Government, Primary and Secondary Education Minister Suresh Kumar on Friday said that the final decision will be taken on Monday on the Schools reopening across the State.

Speaking after a meeting with Education Department officials here, he said the schools in the State have been closed for more than a year and the Minister has instructed the Department officials to prepare a report on the opening the Schools. Final decision will be taken on Monday after discussion with Health Department.

COVID crisis
Skill development programme for unemployed youths

Mysuru, June 26- Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department is conducting a free skill development programme to provide training and create awareness on livelihood opportunities for those who have lost their jobs due to the current COVID crisis including teachers, tourist guides and workers of hotel industry.

Interested candidates can upload their details on the website *https://covidhopes.kaushalkar.com/*. For details, contact Mob: 70268-22080 or 87223-99036, according to a press release from District Skill Development Officer.

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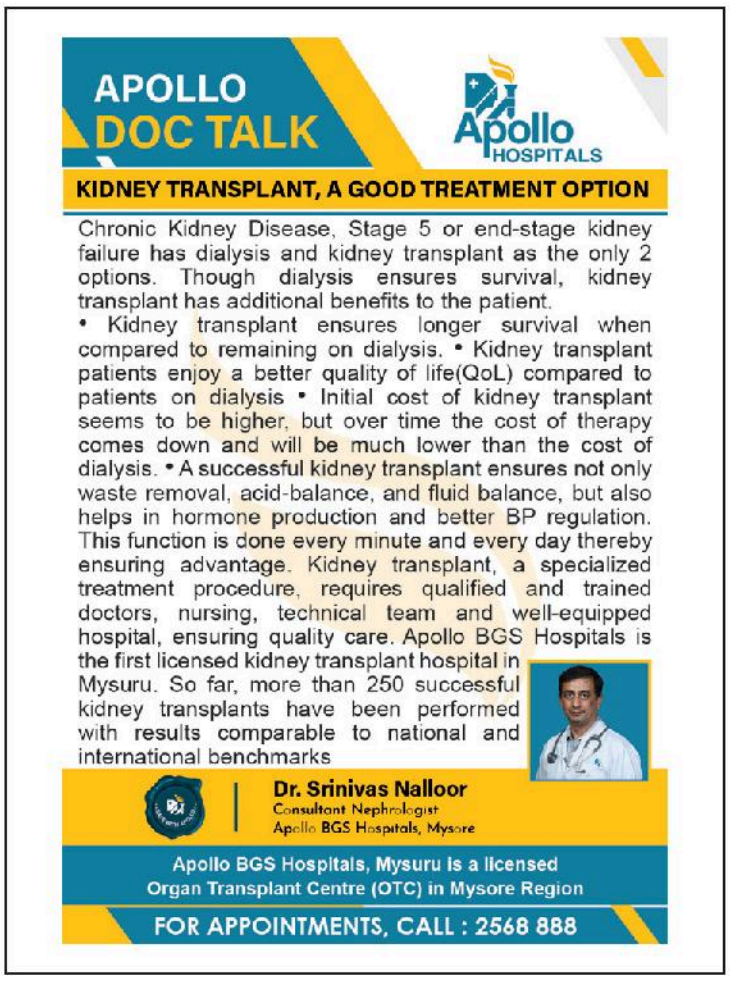
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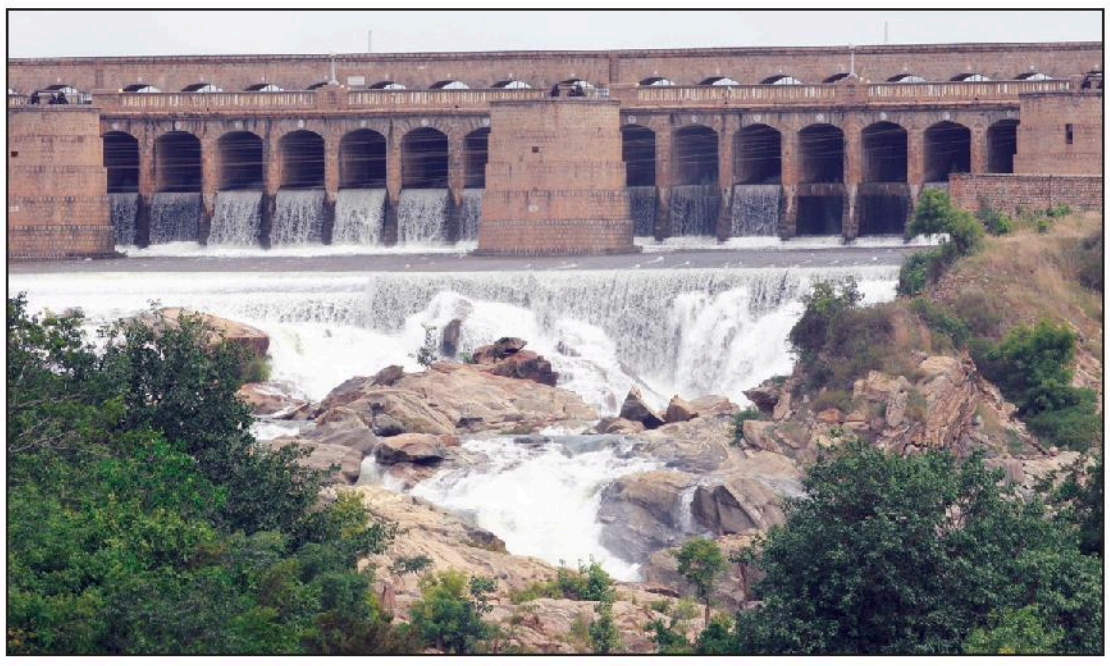
Release June, July quantum of water to Tamil Nadu

Cauvery Water Management Authority directs Karnataka



Chennai, June 26 (UNI)- A meeting of the Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) yesterday directed the Karnataka Government to release the June and July monthly stipulated quantum of Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu for Kuruvai paddy cultivation.

At a virtual meeting, State PWD Additional Chief Secretary Dr. Sandeep Saxena urged the CWMA to direct Karnataka to release 9.19 TMC ft water for the month of June and 31.24 TMC ft for the month of July as per the Supreme Court orders.

Following this, the meeting directed Karnataka to release water as per the Apex Court orders.

In the meeting, Tamil Nadu also raised its objection to Karnataka's move to construct a new dam at Mekedatu across river Cauvery in violation of the Apex Court orders. Tamil Nadu also insisted that any attempt to construct the dam should be stopped and permission should not be given to Karnataka to take up any preliminary works in this regard, an official release said.

Since the matter was pending before the Supreme Court, any discussion on the Mekedatu issue should be avoided at the meeting, following which the issue was not taken up for discussions.

At the meeting it was also decided to hold discussions at a later date on the Salem-Sarbanga water project and the Cauvery-Gundar river linking project.

It may be recalled Tamil Nadu has been consistently opposing Karnataka Government's move to construct the Mekedatu Dam.

Governor Banwarilal Purohit in his customary address to the newly-constituted 16th Legislative Assembly on Monday also urged the Centre to reject the Karnataka's proposal.

"We strongly urge the Union Government to reject the Mekedatu Project proposed by Karnataka, which is in violation of the judgement of the Supreme Court," he said.

It was sheer coincidental as today's CWMA meeting took place on the day the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) delivered its interim award 30 years ago.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	95.18	feet
Yesterday	:	95.42	feet
Inflow	:	4,310	cusecs
Outflow	:	6,113	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,275.51	feet
Inflow	:	1,659	cusecs
Outflow	:	2,542	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,839.68	feet
Inflow	:	507	cusecs
Outflow	:	80	cusecs

'Release water to VC Canal'

Badagalapura Nagendra

Mysuru, June 26- Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha President Badagalapura Nagendra urged the Government to release water from Krishanaraja Sagar (KRS) Dam to VC Canal in Mandya district.

Addressing reporters here, he said that water was released into the Canal for agricultural activities even when the water level was 74 feet. Now, the water level in the dam was 94 feet. As the rainfall was not sufficient, the crops required water. The authorities should release water to protect the crops.

He sought managements of sugar factories to settle the arrears of the sugarcane growers for the cane supplied during the previous season. "The Government should announce the scientific price for the sugarcane produce," he appealed.

Farmers would stage protests in Mandya, Belagavi and Bagalkote soon urging fulfilment of their various demands. The farmers would lay siege to the Vidhana Soudha if the demands were not fulfilled, he warned.

'Raj Bhavan Chalo'

Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha staged a protest in front of Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru this morning demanding release of water to VC Canal in Mandya district.

Congress launches Statewide Outreach Campaign to gather data of COVID-affected people

Bengaluru, June 26 (UNI)- Karnataka Congress on Thursday launched a Statewide 'Outreach Campaign' with an objective to provide relief to the people affected by COVID-19 and to collect data regarding the same.

KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar said, "Through this campaign, the party aims at providing relief especially to those who have kept essential services running but are not recognised as the frontline workers and to those worst affected by the pandemic, as well as gathering data of COVID affected and deceased family members."

The Party has decided to engage party cadres from Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) to the Panchayat level for establishing contact with target groups in urban, semi-urban and rural areas as per AICC's directive.

"This campaign would help us disseminate information regarding issues related to COVID and post-COVID care and identifying the demands of COVID-affected families, in order to raise them politically. This outreach programme shall be done by organising visits by local leaders (at the level of District, Block and Taluk) to the households of the COVID-affected families," Shivakumar said. According to the KPCC Chief, the outreach programme by the party will directly cover all the one-crore plus households of Karnataka in 30 days.

For the outreach programme, KPCC will identify five urban/semi-urban target groups and five rural groups and it will also be setting up a control room to collect the data. "Government of Karnataka is hiding actual COVID deaths; so we want to uncover the actual figures and put it out in front of them," said Shivakumar.

"We also demand a death audit by the Government. Deaths in Karnataka have been misrepresented. They have reported only around 30,000 deaths but they seem to have crossed a lakh mark. The Government has not done a proper survey regarding this. They just announced the Rs. 1 lakh relief package and did not act further. They didn't take a timely decision on vaccination too and even denied our proposal of providing Rs. 100-crore for the same," he said.

"People are in a real tough situation and most segments need adequate relief, but the State Government has made a joke of the situation by providing relief of just 1,000-3,000 rupees, which is not sufficient in any way. The Central as well as the State Governments are unaware of the problems being faced by the people of this State," he opined.

Already 15,000 Congress Party workers across the State are working on the ground and providing relief and support to the people.

"Moving forward we will be streamlining the process and put in more efforts to make sure people are provided with adequate relief and support," Shivakumar said while concluding his speech.

MCC invites applications for Group Housing Scheme

Mysuru, June 26- Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has invited applications from eligible persons of Chamundeshwari Assembly Segment for allotment of 2,446 houses of Group Housing Scheme near Mandakalli in the taluk, under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana's Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) component.

Eligible persons residing in Ward No. 7 (Metagalli), Ward No. 44, Ward No. 45 (Janathanagar), 46 (Sharadadevinagar), 58 (Dattagalli) and Ramakrishnanagar, Hootagalli CMC, Bogadi, Kadakola, Rammanahalli and Srirampura Town Panchayats, all coming under Chamundeshwari segment, can apply for the Group Housing Scheme before June 30.

Also, all beneficiaries who have already been issued provisional letters and obtained challan regarding allotment of Group Houses at Mandakalli, are required to remit the money and submit a copy of the challan at the office.

Interested persons residing in Chamundeshwari constituency, can get the application form priced at Rs. 100 and the filled-in form must be submitted at the MCC Guest House near Cheluvamba Park in Vontikoppal, before June 30, according to a press release.

Support swells for 'Huliya'

Siddharamaiah to become next CM

A farmer from Timmakapura village in Gadag district displaying his support to Siddharamaiah by decorating his cattle and writing on it 'Next CM Siddharamaiah' on the occasion of 'Kaara Hunnime.' Picture right shows the naming ceremony of baby boy of a farmer couple at Dyampur village in Kukanur taluk of Koppal district, who have named their son as 'Siddharamaiah' to show their affection for the former CM.

Mysuru, June 26 (SSV)- Even as Congress High Command has barred Karnataka Congress Legislators/ leaders from projecting anyone as the next Chief Minister, the supporters of former CM Siddharamaiah are resorting to novel ways to make their 'Huliya' as the next head of the State.

The campaign 'Next CM is Siddharamaiah' was kicked off by Chamarajapet Congress MLA Zameer Ahmed Khan at functions held in his Constituency.

Closed on the heels of Zameer's statement, other Legislators like Ramappa from Harihar, Basavaraj Hitnal from Koppal, Akhanda Srinivasamurthy from Pulakeshinagar have started batting in favour of Siddharamaiah.

This has created a division in Congress with Legislators projecting their leaders as the next CM.

The most irritated has been KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar who went to Delhi and complained with former AICC President and MP, Rahul Gandhi, about the ongoing 'Pro-Siddu' campaign in the State.

This promoted the Delhi leaders to issue the gag orders to all MLAs and other State leaders in this regard.

Meanwhile, a farmer from Timmakapura village in Gadag district, on the occasion of 'Kaara Hunnime,' has decorated his cattle and written a line 'Next CM Siddharamaiah.' This had attracted attention of the villagers.

At Dyampur village in Kukanur taluk of Koppal district, a farmer couple have named their son as 'Siddharamaiah' to show their affection for former CM. This video has gone viral in social media and has evoked mixed response.

Siddu asks MLAs not to project him as CM face in 2023 elections

Siddharamaiah

Bengaluru, June 26 (UNI)- Opposition Leader and former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah on Thursday asked his party MLAs not to project him as the Chief Ministerial face for the 2023 Assembly polls.

The statement came amid a growing list of MLAs who openly favoured him as CM face despite diktat from the party leadership, which has irked KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar, who is also nursing Chief Ministerial ambitions.

"I don't know, I don't want to react to that... I have never said that I will become Chief Minister, but I will still request MLAs don't make statements (projecting me as) next Chief Minister," Siddharamaiah said in response to a question on Shivakumar's statement asking him to rein in MLAs projecting him as next CM.

Siddharamaiah, however, playing down statements by some MLAs projecting him as the next CM and maintaining it as their personal views, said: "I can't do anything about it... I'm not concerned about it."

Don't allow sycophants to chant 'Next CM' slogan in public: Sait

Tanveer Sait

Mysuru, June 26 (MTY&SSV)- Pointing out that having desire is not wrong, Narasimharaja MLA Tanveer Sait has said that he too was an aspirant for the Chief Minister post.

Talking to reporters here yesterday, he said there was no wrong to aspire for top posts but it was not right to make followers say 'Next CM' time and again.

Once the party comes to power, every MLA will be eligible to become CM. However, immediate priority before them was to bring Congress back to power in the State.

"Congress is a disciplined party having its own principle and ideology. I, and my father, late Aziz Sait, have built party for several years and also enjoyed power. This happened not because of my strength but of party's stature. I will always abide by my party diktat. With two years to go for the Assembly polls, it is not right for anyone to talk about next CM. None must get these kinds of statements from their supporters and it must be left to the party High Command to decide," he said.

Sait opined issuing such statement will impact image of party as well as of those who wish to be called as 'Next CM.' Care must be taken to avoid such incidents in future. Party workers must be ready to bring back the party to power.

"Individual worship is not correct. The tradition of Congress has been to make KPCC President as the Chief Minister. Of late, it has become difficult to face the election and to get majority under one man's leadership. What we need is to face the election under collective leadership," he added.

Formation of Hootagalli CMC & three other Town Panchayats

MLA GTD holds talks with DC

G.T. Devegowda Dr. Bagadi Gautham

Mysuru, June 26 (SBD&DM)- With the Government announcing formation of Hootagalli City Municipal Council (CMC) and three other Town Panchayats — Bogadi, Srirampura and Rammanahalli Town Panchayats (TPs), all coming under Chamundeshwari Constituency — the Constituency MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) met Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham at the DC's Office here yesterday and held talks on the formal constitution of the four urban bodies.

Speaking to presspersons, Devegowda said that the Government announced formation of Hootagalli CMC comprising Koorgalli, Hootagalli, Belawadi and Hinkal Gram Panchayats and upgradation of Bogadi, Rammanahalli and Srirampura Gram Panchayats as Town Panchayats, through an official notification issued over three months ago. With the Government issuing the notification, he had met the DC on taking necessary action in this regard, he said.

Continuing, Devegowda said that he also held discussions with the DC on the staffing of the new urban local bodies and on continuance of service of those staff such as Engineers, Accountants, Bill Collectors, Watermen, Pourakarmikas etc., who are already serving in the Gram Panchayats that come under the new urban local bodies.

Lockdown Relaxed

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Accordingly, all shops selling essential commodities were allowed to be open till 2 pm today.

Till July 5, shops dealing with food, groceries, fruits and vegetables, meat and fish, dairy & milk booths and animal fodder shall be allowed to function from 6 am to 2 pm. Street vendors and Public Distribution System shops will also be open.

Home delivery of all items shall be encouraged 24x7 to minimise the movement of individuals outside their homes.

All industries have been permitted to function with 50 percent of their staff strength strictly adhering to COVID appropriate behaviour. However, production units and industries engaged in garment manufacturing are permitted to function with 30 percent of their staff strength.

KSRTC buses from June 28

KSRTC buses will operate in Mysuru from Monday (June 28) with 50 percent occupancy and no standing of passengers will be allowed. However, in Bengaluru and other Category I districts, the KSRTC and other Corporations would operate buses from tomorrow (during weekend curfew also) from 6 am till 7 pm.

Notably, during the previous State-wide weekend curfew, KSRTC was not permitted to operate and this time, an exception has been made.

All construction activities/ repair works including shops/ establishments dealing with construction material dealing with cement and steel, permitted outside containment zone adhering to COVID-appropriate behaviour.

Parks will be permitted to open from 5 am to 10 am for walking and jogging purpose strictly adhering to COVID-appropriate behaviour, but no group activities will be permitted.

Taxis and auto rickshaws are permitted to operate and can carry maximum of 2 passengers only.

In addition to already operating Government offices, the following Government offices are also permitted to function with 50 percent of their staff: Agriculture and allied offices, PWD, Housing, RTOs, Cooperation, NABARD and offices of Department of Revenue, Government of India.

Skill trainings pertaining to health sector, including Solid Waste Management are permitted. Optical shops are allowed to function from 6 am to 2 pm. Weddings have been permitted with a limit of 40 persons (with valid written permission from the Mysuru City Corporation, respective Panchayats and Municipalities) and only five persons are allowed at funerals.

Unidentified bodies found

Mysuru, June 26- An unidentified man was found dead at about 8 am on June 24 near Thibbadevi Tea Stall at Thibbadevi Circle in Kuvempunagar Police limits.

The deceased, who looked like a beggar, was aged between 30 and 35 years, had round face, thin built, dark complexioned, sports a beard and moustache and was found wearing a blue coloured full arm T-Shirt, grey coloured pant and white and green striped shirt.

The kith and kin of the deceased, if any, may contact Kuvempunagar Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418324 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

In another case, the body of an unidentified man, aged about 45 to 50 years, was found in Dalvoy Lake in the outskirts of the city. The man is said to have died of drowning. The deceased man is 5'4" in height, wheatish in complexion, medium built and wore a grey striped T-Shirt and a brown coloured short. Kith and kin if any, can contact Ph: 0821-2444800 or 2444955.

Mysuru: A Look at its Past...

By Gouri Satya, Sr. Journalist

Steeped in Healthcare History since 1922

NAME MATTERS TOO: ***S.N. Pandit Street old and new name boards.***

Subba Narasimha Pandit (S.N. Pandit)

A small by-lane in the Fort Mohalla, also known by its old name Khille Mohalla, is called S.N. Pandit Street. This small by-lane near Shankara Mutt in Mysuru has a hidden tale of interest. This has been recorded by renowned composer and musician Mysore Vasudevacharya in his book, *"Nenapugalu."*

S.N. Pandit Street is a cross road to Shankara Mutt Road in Khille Mohalla. Pandit was a reputed Ayurvedic Physician, one among those in Mysore who prepared Ayurvedic medicines as prescribed in old Ayurvedic texts and dispensed them to patients. Mysore had many such traditional Ayurvedic Pandits.

When modern science was yet to advance and Allopathic medicines were yet to come to the market, diseases were frequent and minor ailments were common. People had to depend on traditional medicines like Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha and the likes. To help people overcome these health issues, many had specialised in making Ayurvedic medicines.

While some of these Pandits were popular for their medicines, many others were known for their treatment. These products had become household names, so also the Pandits. People opted to buy medicines of a particular brand finding those medicines helpful. This profession had continued from one generation to the next. We find some families continuing this inherited profession in Mysuru and their Ayurvedic medicines continue to be popular, not only here but also outside.

For instance, there was Palyada Venkatachala Pandit, who was famous for his Kasthuri pills. People chose to buy only that particular brand for giving a pill or two to lactating mothers or children. B.V. Pandit of Nanjangud was known for his famous tooth-powder. When there were no branded toothpastes like today, B.V. Pandit's Nanjangud tooth powder was the most sought after.

The herbal tooth-powder was available in almost all shops. Nambishan, who resided in Nazarbad, was an Ayurvedic Pandit of the Kerala School of Ayurveda. Similarly, there were other Ayurvedic Pandits, including those who worked in the Government Ayurveda College and Hospital. The Mysore Municipality had an Ayurvedic Pandit as one its staff in the medical section. It was also operating a few Ayurvedic dispensaries where medicines were given free of cost.

One among such reputed Ayurvedic Pandits was **S.N. Pandit, whose full name was Subba Narasimha Pandit.** His parents were Narasimha Bhatta, also called Shamanna and Venktalakshamma. Born in 1884, S.N. Pandit initially worked as a teacher in the Wesleyan Mission School. Taking interest in Ayurveda, he went to many Ayurvedic Pandits taking patients along with him and in the process began to know their methods of treatment and also the medicines they dispensed.

EXPERTISE IN ROOTS

Karthik Pandit with wife Ranjani Karthik

As his interest in the field developed further, he began to study books related to the subject and gain expertise in the use of roots and herbs chiefly to treat ailments which could not be treated by other branches. To expand his knowledge and to know the practices followed in other places, he went to Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra and lived there for some time, learning their ways of treatment. After returning to Mysuru, he began to make a comparative study between Allopathy, Homeopathy and other systems of treatment and acquired knowledge of both modern and ancient systems.

These studies made him realise that Ayurveda and Unani systems were more beneficial than the chemical-based Allopathy. Supported by the Aryavysya and Ursu community members, he opened a Vaidyashala in 1922 at Lansdowne Building, now in neglected condition. He named it **'Mysore Ayurvedic Pharmacy'** and earned fame as an expert Pandit, both in treating patients and selling his own Ayurvedic preparations. He also wrote a book on Ayurveda in 1923. In his last days, Narasimha Pandit took to Sanyasa under Yadathore Swamiji and assumed the name 'Vimalananda Theertha.' His end came in 1947. His great grandson, **Karthik Pandit** and his wife **Ranjani Karthik**, are continuing more than a century-old profession of his forefathers.

AYURVEDA HUB: ***S.N. Pandit's house*** *Dhanvantri Krupa* ***(house with sheet and a person standing in front).***

PANDIT HOUSE: ***Another view of*** *Dhanvantri Krupa.*

INTACT TILL NOW: ***Here lived Ramakrishnappa, the Palace Shirastedar.***

The honest Shirastedar of Maharaja's Palace

S.N. Pandit lived in an old tiled house in one of the by-lanes of Shankara Mutt Road in Fort Mohalla. Built in the traditional Mysuru style, his house existed almost till recently. This by-lane, though called S.N. Pandit Street now, has an interesting background.

Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar

This street had a different name and was called 'Ramakrishnappa Street' a few decades ago. Ramakrishnappa was a Shirastedar in the Ambavilasa of the Maharaja's Palace. Every one respected him because of his honesty and the simple and traditional life he led. A slim personality, even Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar III respected him as he was sincere in his duties.

He was also generous and never refused help to anyone who approached him. He had kept small changes in packets and whenever someone visited his house he received him cordially and offered 'thamboola' with 'dakshine' according to his merit. An unassuming personality, he had chosen a simple and honest life and had even politely rejected offers of honours or money made by the Maharaja. Finally, the Maharaja had persuaded him to accept a small box-type carriage for his visits to the Palace. Krishnappa had reluctantly accepted the 'pettige gaadi'.

The elderly Ramakrishnappa had a habit of not standing up and offering salutations (Namaskara) to any person except the Maharaja in the Palace. This attitude of Ramakrishnappa was irritating other senior employees in the Palace. They felt that Ramakrishnappa was discourteous to them. However, they had no courage to take up this matter with the Maharaja as Krishnaraja Wadiyar III had high regard for Ramakrishnappa. Finally, one day an officer took courage and broached the subject with the Maharaja.

The Maharaja's reply was, "Ramakrishnappa is an elderly and saintly person. It is we (the Maharaja) who have told him not to take the trouble of getting up before any other person." Stunned by the Maharaja's indirect admonishment, the person who had complained to the Maharaja, had to keep his mouth shut. That was the kind of respect the Maharaja had for Ramakrishnappa.

CONSPIRACY TO DEFAME SHIRASTEDAR

Now helpless, the employees were waiting for an opportunity to catch Ramakrishnappa in some embarrassing situation. One such opportunity arose when there was a small discrepancy in one of the accounts of the Palace. It was showing shortage of funds. Not to miss the opportunity, they approached the Maharaja immediately and complained to him that Ramakrishnappa had taken away Palace money.

Though the Maharaja did not believe them, to make sure, he called Ramakrishnappa and enquired about the matter. Upset that the Maharaja was suspecting his integrity, Ramakrishnappa immediately took the treasury key he had with him and told the Maharaja, "Mahaswami, here is the treasury key. This person is not the type who would aspire for someone else's money." So saying, he placed the key before the Maharaja and after bowing his head to him left the Palace immediately.

The Maharaja had not expected such a reaction from his loyal worker. He knew that Ramakrishnappa was a personification of honesty and would not touch even a speck of dust of a window in the Palace, let alone money belonging to the treasury. After a few days, it came to light that there was discrepancy in the accounting itself and there was no shortfall as such. The Maharaja was full of remorse for questioning Ramakrishnappa about the shortfall of treasury money.

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Maharaja and Saligrama 'King'

The Maharaja immediately sent words to Ramakrishnappa asking him to come to the Palace. When the messenger came to his house, Ramakrishnappa was wearing a short dhoti and was having a sacred Saligrama on his palm. Holding the Saligrama in his hand, Ramakrishnappa told the messenger, "What relation I have now with the Palace? My king resides in this Saligrama. Please convey my folded-hand salutations to the Prabhu and tell him that I will no longer step into the Palace."

The servant returned to the Palace and informed the Maharaja accordingly. In turn, the Maharaja asked his messenger to go back and tell Ramakrishnappa that his house is at a very low level to enter through the door. "If I go there, the lintel at the entrance will hit my head." Indirectly, indicating that a King would not bow his head before any one, let alone a Palace employee.

Now, it was the turn of Ramakrishnappa to regret that he had misunderstood his Mahaprabhu. Hearing these words from the servant, Ramakrishnappa reflected in himself, "after all, he is my King. Should I be so much anguished?" He went to the Palace and stood humbly before the Maharaja with folded hands and without lifting his head up. Seeing Ramakrishnappa back, Maharaja remarked, "Ayya, Ramakrishnappa! Don't be so much vexed. I am intending to adopt a boy. Please don't swear in your anger. You are a white-robed 'Sanyasi.' This Palace is yours. Please take back the key," the Maharaja appealed to his honest servant. Listening to the kind words of his Prabhu, Ramakrishnappa's heart melted with compassion and took the key back.

S.N. Pandit Galli

The house in which Ramakrishnappa lived was purchased by Ayurvedic Pandit S.N. Pandit years later. He, his children and grand-children lived in the same old house without making any changes except for power connection and lights. As S.N.Pandit became popular as an Ayurvedic Pandit, the narrow by-lane (Galli) gradually came to be identified as "S.N.Pandit Galli."

Mysore had such many such legendary personalities during the reign of the Maharajas, who had distinguished themselves while serving their master and helping the people. Among them are Ramakrishnappa and Narasimha Pandit who have carved out a name, one for his loyal service to the Maharaja and the other for his dedicated service to the cause of Ayurveda.

FROM BYGONES TO RECENT: ***The S.N. Pandit Healthcare Services that has had a humble past though the 'roots' are original.***

TRADITION AND MODERN: ***A new world charm has set in on the old S.N. Pandit Street.***

'Jaganmohaka...' becomes 'Jaganmohana Bangale'

It was Ramakrishnappa who was responsible for the Jaganmohan Palace to be christened. When he accompanied the Maharaja to see the newly built Palace, Krishnaraja Wadiyar asked him what name he thought would be ideal for the newly-built Palace. "What can I suggest, Mahaswamy. It is Jaganmohaka", Ramakrishnappa remarked. "Good, let us call it "Jaganmohana Bangale", a happy Maharaja responded. That is how the century-old Palace came to be called.

UoM fake answer sheet racket

'Ready to face action for lapse in rule adherence'

Maharani's Science College Principal pleads before University Probe Committee

Mysuru, June 26 (RK&BCT)- The parallel investigation launched by the Internal Committee of the University of Mysore (UoM) into the fake answer script racket being run to facilitate certain set of students from the University has made some progress and has recorded the statements of Maharani's Science College Principal.

The Principal pleaded his innocence before the Committee and said he was ready for any action the Varsity takes, sources said.

Apart from the University Internal Committee, the City Crime Branch (CCB) too has taken up the sensational case where initially, Mandi Police Inspector Narayanaswamy was suspended and a few staff of Mandi Police Station have been booked for hushing up the entire episode in collusion with other culprits.

An FIR has been booked against six persons including two employees of the University of Mysore over fake answer scripts racket at Mandi Police Station. Even the Lakshmipuram Police is digging the roots of the case.

The Committee Head Prof. A.P. Jnanaprakash, who is also the Registrar (Evaluation) of UoM, had summoned Maharani's Science College Principal Prof. Padmanabha to appear before it on June 22 to record his version in the case.

The College's name figured in the racket after Chandan and Chethan, first year B.Sc students, were facilitated to clear their backlog Chemistry papers at the Maharani's Science College examination centre.

These students, who have been arrested now, had approached Mohammad Nissar, a Second Division Assistant (SDA), at the exam centre and he, in connivance with META-I firm from Bengaluru that had got the outsourced contract of conducting the University examinations, took blank answer scripts of absentee students and re-purposed the same with the answer scripts that were written in the names of Chandan and Chethan.

Along with Nissar, one Rakesh of META-I too is an accused in the case and both of them are at large.

The accused ran the full-fledged answer script writing and insertion racket from a lodge in city. After the answer scripts are written favouring certain students, they were handed over to Mohammad Nissar to be inserted into the bundles of all the answer scripts at Maharani's Science College examination centre.

Appearing before the UoM Committee at Crawford Hall, Prof. Padmanabha told that he assumed the charge as Principal only in March and he trusted Mohammad Nissar. "SDA Nissar was efficient in his duty and I had trusted him and as such, I had entrusted the examination centre job to him," the Principal told the Committee, said sources.

"As the Principal it is my responsibility to hand over all the answer scripts to the University after the conduct of the examination and there has been a lapse on my part in following rules. I am ready to face any action from the University," said pleading his innocence before the Committee.

Meanwhile, Mandi Police Inspector Narayanaswamy, who has been suspended for not registering an FIR despite being in the knowledge of the case with a intention of hushing it up, is trying for a bail and the Court has postponed the hearing to June 28, sources said.

BJP Gen. Secretary's meeting with BSY sets off speculations

Bhupender Yadav

B.S. Yediyurappa

Bengaluru, June 26- A reported meeting between Chief Minister (CM) B.S. Yediyurappa (BSY) and BJP National General Secretary Bhupender Yadav, which was followed by Yediyurappa's son and Karnataka BJP Vice-President B.Y. Vijayendra's day-long trip to New Delhi on Thursday, have set off speculations in political circles.

Political pundits say that this development is seen as a message from the BJP High Command following the recent exercise carried out by the Party's Karnataka in-Charge Arun Singh, who undertook a three-day visit of Bengaluru last week.

Bhupender Yadav's reported meeting with the CM has triggered varied political reactions in the State Capital. While the CM's detractors who mainly include Tourism Minister C.P. Yogeeshwar and MLA Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, are enthused about his replacement, sources close to him maintain that the outcome has been positive and all talks about Yediyurappa's removal is only rubbish.

Bhupender Yadav, who is considered close to senior party leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, is said to have made an unscheduled brief visit to Bengaluru on Wednesday and met the CM at a resort in the outskirts of Bengaluru.

Just a day after the reported meeting between Yadav and BSY, Vijayendra flew to Delhi on Thursday morning and returned to Bengaluru the same night.

Meanwhile, amidst all these developments, BJP National General Secretary C.T. Ravi is said to have left for Delhi and BSY's known detractor Minister Yogeeshwar too left for the National Capital after holding a press meet at Bengaluru on Friday.

ChaMUL to resume milk supply to Bhutan, Nepal soon

Chamarajanagar, June 26 (SS &SSV)- Chamarajanagar District Co-Operative Milk Producers Societies Union Limited (ChaMUL) is making preparations to resume milk supply to Nepal and Bhutan.

Came into existence three years ago at Kuderu village in Chamarajanagar taluk, this Dairy has hogged limelight by exporting 'Nandini Milk' to two foreign nations.

The milk supply to Nepal and Bhutan that was stopped due to Corona crisis a few months ago, will resume in next two to three days.

ChaMUL was exporting milk to Bhutan under the brand 'Goodlife Gold', said Rajashekarmurthy, Managing Director, ChaMUL.

He said the Dairy has received order from the Bhutan Government for supplying 1.5 lakh to 2 lakh litres of milk every month.

Similarly, 3 lakh to 4 lakh litres of 'Goodlife Gold' milk is supplied to Assam Rifles every month, 10 lakh to 12 lakh litres of Ultra High Temperature (UHT) milk is sent to Andhra Pradesh every month under the brand name 'Vijaya Vajra' and 3 lakh to 4 lakh litre of UHT milk to Telangana every month.

The MD said that ChaMUL manufactures a variety of milk like Nandini Goodlife, Nandini Goodlife Gold, Nandini Slim, Nandini Smart, Nandini Suraksha and Vijaya Vajra. All of them are UTH milk. Under this process, the milk is boiled at 135 degree centigrade temperature, kept in the same condition for 15 seconds and then cooled in 4 degree centigrade temperature. Then, it is packed in six layer pack which has a shelf life of six months. After bifurcated from MYMUL, the ChaMUL has a rare distinction of supplying milk to two foreign nations, and several States, he added.

Solar powered con

CCB takes over investigation

Mysuru, June 26 (RK&BCT)- The City Crime Branch (CCB) has taken over the investigation into the Solar Plant scam where the rich and the influential are enticed into investing in non-existent Solar Power projects.

Scamsters have been operating in Mysuru and have duped many people including doctors, industrialists and entrepreneurs by promising good returns.

The fraudsters ask the money-eyed class to invest in Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM) that is meant to install Grid-connected Solar Power Plants and they are made to believe that the project belongs to Central Government. Shell companies are floated and bank accounts are creatively created so that the firms look like a Government enterprise.

It is believed that the conmen have looted at least Rs. 27 crore in Mysuru and some of the victims have approached Deputy Commissioner of Police (crime and traffic) Geetha Prasanna with a petition to bring the fraud network to book.

Based on the petition, the DCP has handed over the investigation to CCB as the case might have inter-district ramifications.

CCB ACP Ashwathnarayan told *Star of Mysore* that the investigations have been handed over to the CCB and the veracity of the petition will be probed. "We will summon the persons who have been mentioned as accused in the petition and also check the documents relating to the financial transaction. We will dig deep into the case and report to the DCP about the actual goings-on between the accused and the petitioner," he said.

Obituary

Sarvamangalamma

Mysuru, June 26- Sarvamangalamma (94), a resident of Kuvempunagar in city, passed away early this morning.

She leaves behind three sons — former Corporator K.V. Mallesh, former Income Tax Officer K.V. Jayashekar and former Postal Department employee K.V. Nagaraju — three daughters and a host of relatives and friends. A son and a daughter had predeceased her.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this afternoon.

Kavadichanda Muthavva

Kavadichanda Muthavva (88), a resident of Vijayanagar 3rd Stage, passed away today morning at a hospital in city.

She leaves behind three sons — Kavadichanda Prakash, Ganesh and Dharmaja — daughter Rohini, daughters-in-law, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites took place at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar this noon, according to family sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Inveigle

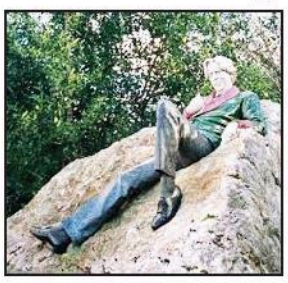
Pronunciation: in-VAY-gul.
Meaning: To win over by wiles : entice; to acquire by ingenuity or flattery : wangle.
Origin: Inveigle, a word that dates from the 16th century, refers to the act of using clever talk, trickery, or flattery either to persuade somebody to do something or to obtain something, but etymologically the word is linked to eyesight—or the lack thereof. Inveigle came to English from the Anglo-French verb enveegler, meaning "to blind or hoodwink someone," from the adjective enveugle, meaning "blind." Enveugle derives from the Medieval Latin ab oculis, a phrase which literally translates to "lacking eyes."
Example: "Maybe she and Terfel, ... whose trajectory into the upper ranks of opera began in 1989 after winning the Lieder Prize at the BBC Cardiff Singer of the World, felt a certain kinship. Either way, after their first meeting she inveigled him into fundraising performances and concerts...." — Henry Bourne, The Daily Telegraph (London), 20 Feb. 2021.

THE ODD WORD

Ichthyophagous
Fish-eating.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

I have nothing to declare but my genius



Meaning: Supposedly said by Oscar Wilde at Customs Control in New York, 1882.
Origin: Wilde did visit the USA and this quotation is certainly in keeping with his style. There's no evidence to prove conclusively that he said it though and it doesn't appear in print until 1914. His US tour was very successful and Wilde became quite famous there, so it is also possible that the 'quotation' was made up for him. Like many of the witticisms attributed to Wilde, this one is difficult to validate. There are many quotations attributed to Wilde, for example, "I can resist everything except temptation" and "We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars", and many of them are bogus. Wilde was clearly highly adept at coining repeatable phrases and those two did in fact come from his pen - from The Importance of Being Earnest, 1895, and from Lady Windermere's Fan, 1892, respectively. Here are a few others that can't be questioned, as they also come from his published works:
"Life is much too important a thing ever to talk seriously about it."
"To love oneself is the beginning of a life-long romance."
"Women are meant to be loved, not to be understood."

QUOTE BOX

Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.—**H. Jackson Brown, Jr.**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Head Shoulders

Body Arms Legs
Knees Feet Toes

Answer: Head shoulders above the rest.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Clapton of music
5 Despatched - "nest" anagram?
9 Faux ___ : a social blunder?
12 Rodent - "a cap" crumpled?
13 Ark builder
14 Large mouse
15 Welsh boy's name
16 Cover for a letter
18 Multiplexes
20 Refuse to comply
21 Large deer
22 ___ ___ with : be sparing or cautious with? (2,4)
25 Rips apart
28 Clumsy boat
29 Parting word
30 Mythical sea monsters
31 Scots "own"
32 Bone of human forearm
33 Life Insurance Corporation, acronym?
34 Married woman sometimes
35 More cunning
36 Bollywood's ___ Kher
38 Purchase
39 Hurried or sped
40 Korean electronics giant
44 Scamp
47 Box in practice
48 Illustrative craft
49 Criminal group
50 One in Oldenburg
51 Colouring material
52 Whirlpool
53 Frozen rain

DOWN
1 Large scale
2 Sitarist Shankar
3 Computer screen symbol
4 Callings
5 Go furtively
6 Ages
7 Net asset value, abbr.
8 On __ __ : at work or in the course of doing the work? (3,3)
9 Very likely
10 Arvind Kejriwal's party
11 Fr. holy title
17 Fabrication or fib
19 Microwave Landing Sys.
22 Firearm
23 Auld Lang __: days of long ago ?
24 For ___ and a day : for a long unspecified time?
25 Indian unit of weight
26 Ireland, poetically speaking
27 Exact
28 "It is" contracted for the poets?
31 Branch
32 Odysseus of Greek mythology?
34 Cope with or contrive
35 Total
37 Mate
38 Loose or bulging out?
40 Beach gravel
41 __ __ arms : riled? (2,2)
42 Billionth as a prefix
43 Developed
44 Miserable
45 Weep
46 A bundle of notes or papers

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

B	E	L	A	■	L	U	D	■	P	N	I	N
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N	O	T	U	P	■	P	A	R	E	■	■	■
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T	L	C	■	K	I	T	E	S	■	N	C	O
■	S	H	U	N	N	E	D	■	L	O	I	N
■	■	■	N	O	O	N	■	S	O	L	V	E
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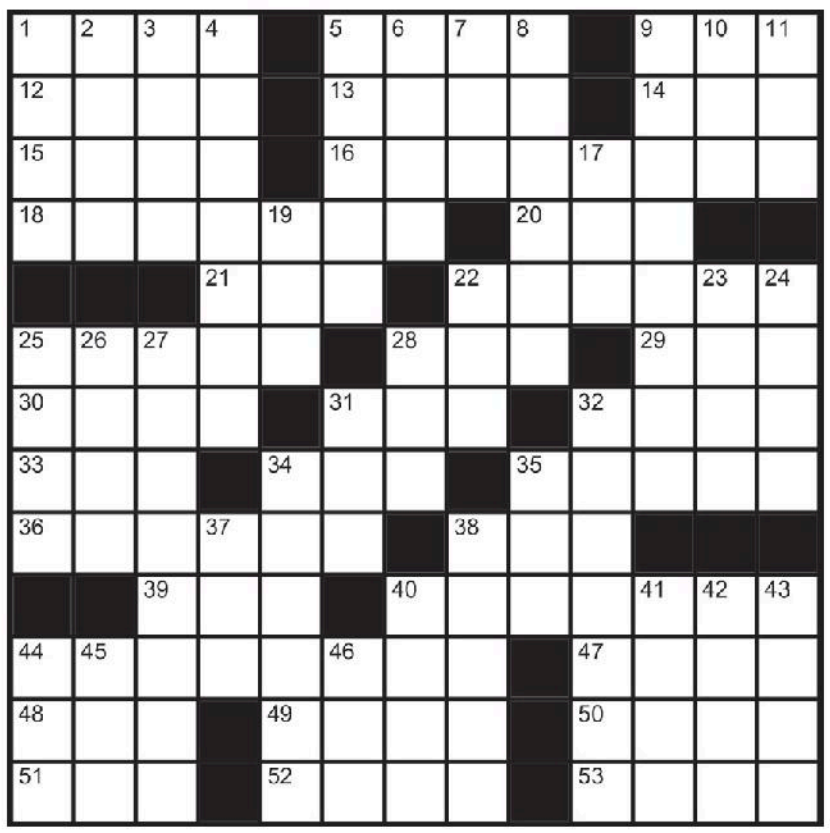

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Answer to previous puzzle

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3	8	7	1	6	2	9	4	5
8	1	5	7	9	6	4	3	2
7	4	2	3	1	5	8	9	6
6	9	3	4	2	8	1	5	7
9	7	4	5	3	1	6	2	8
5	2	8	6	4	7	3	1	9
1	3	6	2	8	9	5	7	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

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TODAY'S CLUE: E EQUALS S

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress.

Why Viveka Smaraka is and should be an inevitable addition to Mysuru

By Prof. Prabhu Prasad

The controversy over Viveka Smaraka has gone on too long. To begin with, this controversy had no merit and one wonders why there was opposition in the first place against such a noble cause. Assuming that there were some arguments, these have now been laid to rest by the decision of the High Court of Karnataka vide a two-Judge Bench decision which unequivocally directs the Government to implement its decision and ensure that the NTM School premises in Mysuru be handed over for the purpose of building Viveka Smaraka.

This decision has now attained finality as far as the High Court of Karnataka is concerned and not implementing this decision with alacrity and independence calls into very question the Rule of Law which is fundamental for our society to remain civilised.

Why this opposition instead of support to this service-oriented great cause?

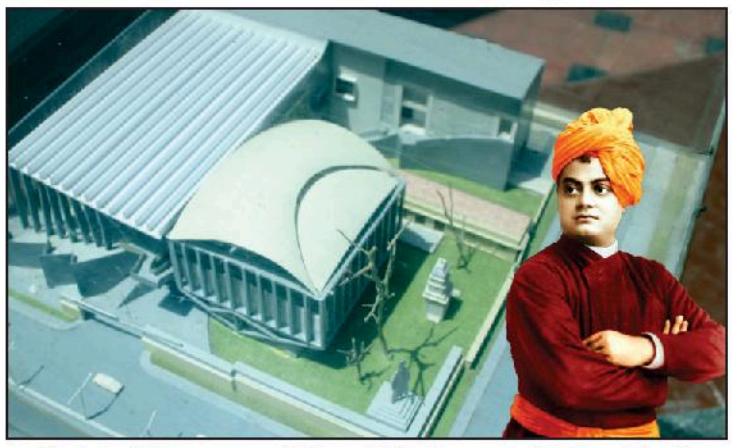
Despite the decision, we still see so-called "protests" for the benefit of the media by vested interests who don't want this noble cause to be fulfilled. These small groups of individuals tried their luck for 7 or 8 long years in different courts, lost all those cases and now when the final decision has come, they are still organising protests at the premises which is uncalled for.

People on the ground are aware that the alleged protesters were brought by bus for an hour or two to take the photos and videos and then present to the media and general public to influence them. That the protestors think that they can do this, despite two-Judge Bench High Court verdict against them is a travesty to justice, which is compounded by the fact that the people are watching mutely without countering.

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram and service to Kannada

The second allegation by the protestors is that Viveka Smaraka is an anti-Kannada initiative. This argument is quite comical, facile and is even more ridiculous than the previous argument. Swami Vivekananda stood for all things Indian. Kannada is an integral part of India and specially the Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru, via its various centres all over Karnataka. Specifically in Mysuru, Sri Ramakrishna Ashram has performed yeoman service to Kannada literature, culture and Kannada Schools.

If one starts writing the details, it will take a book or two to simply list all the Kannada service activities of RK Mission ranging from publication of more than 400 books to holding talks/ cultural programmes in Kannada, service to poor Kannada medium Government School students, its Viveka Shikshana, Gadadhar Abhyudaya Prakalpa and Seva Mandira project centered on rural Kannada school students for many years. Coming to the Viveka Smaraka itself, how can a cultural, educational and spiritual centre be against one language?



Model of the proposed Swami Vivekananda Cultural Youth Centre (Viveka Smaraka), Mysuru.

Depriving benefits to youths

On the contrary, the activities within the Viveka Smaraka are designed to be for the people of Mysuru and surroundings and primarily Kannada language with English is going to be the mainstay of all the service activities intended for the benefit and transformation of youths. In fact, it would support, nurture and encourage Kannada literature and culture in a far better manner than what is currently being achieved in the premises where there is a highly reduced number of students brought from far off places forcefully.

The list of proposed activities here includes short educational courses, spiritual courses, library, training courses, yoga, Indian musical classes, skill development and vocational courses, training in spoken English and Kannada oratory. This kind of larger and greater service programmes to Mysureans is awaited.

Swami Vivekananda and Mysore Maharaja

Swami Vivekananda had a special adoration for Mysuru and Maharaja of Mysore as evident from what he mentioned in several of his letters.

Swami Vivekananda in his letter from America addressed to the then Dewan Seshadri Iyer writes: *"To the people of Southern India I owe much and not a small part of that to Mysore."*

Further he has also written to his dear disciple Alasinga Perumal: *"Mysore will be in time a great stronghold…"*

In an interview given to *Sunday Times,* London, in 1896, Swamiji expressed: *"I was representative of the Hindu religion at the World's Parliament of Religions at Chicago in1893. Raja of Mysore and some other friends sent me there…."*

It was here in Mysuru he took the decision to participate in the historical Parliament of Religions at Chicago as a Spiritual Ambassador of India and Hinduism and became world famous. So, Swamiji had a special place for Mysore in his heart.

Therefore, it is most significant that the place sanctified by the stay of Swami Vivekananda in Mysuru be transformed into a befitting memorial to serve and inspire the youths of Mysuru. All these culminates and finds true expression in the formation of the proposed project —"Swami Vivekananda Cultural Youth Centre" (Viveka Smaraka) which is extricated from all legal hurdles, obstacles and upheld recently by the decision of the two-Judge Bench of the High Court of Karnataka.

Viveka Smaraka: Boon to Mysuru

Viveka Smaraka is a boon to Mysuru as it comes up in a place where Swami Vivekananda stayed and walked around. It will add value and be a beacon light for those who would like to understand more about what Swami Vivekananda stood for. Viveka Smaraka will be a befitting and inspiring symbol of a perennial bond between Mysureans and the life of a great universal personality of Swami Vivekananda. It will cement this relationship of Mysureans with such great universal icon of youth which will be adored by the posterity forever.

[Prof. K. B. Prabhu Prasad is the former Principal of Maharani's College, Mysuru]

NOTE: *The protesters are not against establishing Viveka Smaraka. They say it must be in the area excluding the NTM School. But the Ramakrishna Ashram must make them understand that the* ***available place is too small for Viveka Smaraka as planned,*** *hence the Government gave the NTMS land too which is abutting to the available place. Once the protesters understand this aspect of the issue, it is possible to solve the present embroilment.—**Ed***

Passport service will be more citizen-friendly: Minister

New Delhi, June 26 (UNI)- Passport rules and processes will be simplified further by minimising the compliance burden on the citizens.

External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar gave the assurance in a virtual address to mark the Passport Seva Divas on Thursday. The day is in commemoration of the enactment of the Passports Act on June 24, 1967.

The EAM said that the mandate of the Government is to ensure timely, effective, assured, transparent and accountable public service delivery.

"Towards this end, our first approach was to bring in simplification of the passport rules and processes. However, as the process is dynamic, we should continue to look deeper and deliberate further on reducing the compliance burden of our citizens," he said.

"As we move ahead on the path of progress," Jaishankar said, "we should take stock of the steps in the realm of passports that would make it not only more citizen-centric but also citizen-friendly."

The Ministry is leveraging the use of technology and digital systems into its functioning, such as in delivering passport service.

S. Jaishankar

Collaborating with the Department of Posts, the MEA has also strengthened the outreach of Passport services to the citizens.

The Ministry has extended its global outreach and 174 Indian Missions and Posts have been integrated into the Passport Seva Programme.

It has established Post Office Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) across the country. There is are 555 Passport Kendras in India. This includes 36 Passport Offices, 93 Passport Seva Kendras and 426 Post Office Passport Seva Kendras.

The MEA has recently integrated the Passport Seva Programme with DigiLocker.

The DigiLocker helps citizens to submit various documents in a paperless mode. This means, when one reaches the Passport Kendra, he/she is not required to carry the original documents.

Cochin bags 'Best Passport Office in India' Award

Kochi, June 26 (UNI) - Regional Passport Office in Cochin has won the award for the Best Passport Office in India for the year 2020-21 followed by Passport Offices in Jalandhar and Thiruvananthapuram respectively.

This is the seventh year that the Cochin Office is selected for the Best Passport Office in India under Passport Seva Puraskar constituted by the Ministry of External Affairs in 2014, Regional Passport Officer Bhanulali said in a release here on Thursday.

The parameter for assessment of performance of a Passport Office is based on 15 yardsticks which include appointment availability, time taken for processing passport applications and grievance redressal, speed at which passports are issued, productivity of employees, total pendency, escalation of files from PSKs etc.

Speedy Police verification by the Police Department and speedy dispatch by the Postal Department contributed to the efficiency of the Cochin Office.

In individual performance, two officials from RPO, Cochin, was also awarded 2nd and 3rd prize by Ministry of External Affairs for verifying 141 and 139 passport applications per day during the year 2020-21.

Virtual Violin Jugalbandhi

As part of monthly moonlight music programme of Suttur Mutt, Violinists Vid. Mysuru M. Nagaraj and Mysuru N. Kartik presented a Violin Jugalbandhi (digital) from Suttur Mutt in city on June 24. They were accompanied by Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. Giridhar Udupa on ghata. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graced the occasion.

MCC nets Rs. 47.31 cr. through online property tax collection

5 percent rebate extended till July 31

Mysuru, June 26 (RK&DM)- Amidst the COVID-19 crisis, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has so far collected Rs. 47.31 crore property tax this financial year, with 54,091 property owners making the payment online.

MCC Deputy Commissioner (Revenue) Dr. Nagaraj told *Star of Mysore* that as per the MCC records, there are 1,83,990 taxable properties in Mysuru and the MCC has set a target of collecting Rs. 175.19 crore as property tax this year.

Stating that the MCC has so far collected Rs. 47,30,35,781 crore through online payments made by 54,091 property owners, he said that COVID-19 duties for MCC staff has hindered property tax collection.

Pointing out that owners of Kalyana Mantaps, Function Halls, Hotels and Restaurants, Cinema Houses, Departmental Stores and other commercial establishments are facing a deep financial crisis due to lockdown, he said that the MCC would have recorded a much higher property tax collection had there was no COVID crisis and lockdowns. After the lockdown ends, the MCC will intensify property tax drive with an objective of achieving 100 percent collection, he added.

Dr. Nagaraj also appealed the citizens to make good use of the 5 percent rebate on property tax , which has now been extended upto July 31.

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